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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

Barson et al.

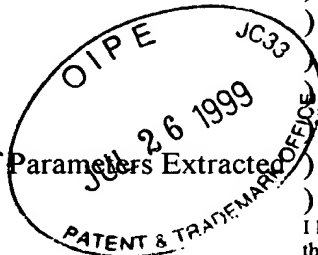
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FOR: Forming a Signature of Parameters Extracted  
From Information

) Examiner: Wilbert L. Starks, Jr.

) Group Art Unit No. 2762



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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 24, 1999

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Examiner's first Office Action of March 24, 1999 concerning this application, it is requested that the application be amended as follows:

In the Claims

Amend claims 1 through 6 as follows:

- ~~Sub B~~  
A1 Sub B
1. (once amended) A method of detecting anomalies in the transmission of messages by an entity by storing information relating to the transmission of messages by [an] the entity over a given time period, said method comprising the steps of:
    - (i) creating a signature comprising a plurality of parameters related to the transmission of messages over that time period wherein the parameters comprise at least one parameter related